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TO: Providers indicated

SUBJECT: Revised Billing Procedures for the Vaccine Assurance for All Children (VAFAC) Program

The Vaccine Assurance for All Children (VAFAC) program is a federally funded program, created by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. Children who are eligible for VAFAC are entitled to receive pediatric vaccines that are recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. In South Carolina, the VAFAC program is managed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). Please refer to your "Dear VAFAC Provider" letter from the SCDHEC, Immunization Division, for any questions concerning availability or program specifics, or contact SCDHEC by telephone at (800) 277-4687.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will reimburse providers for the administration of the vaccine products that are available free of charge for South Carolina Medicaid covered children under 19 years of age through the VAFAC program.

Effective for dates of service on or after June 1, 2010, the SCDHHS will implement the following changes to the billing policy for the reimbursement of VAFAC vaccine administration. For accuracy and program compliance, providers will now be required to include information on all VAFAC supplied vaccine products administered. The appropriate vaccination product(s) **Current Procedural Terminology code (CPT), must be included on the claim when filing for reimbursement for the administration of these vaccines.**

Vaccine(s) provided under the VAFAC program in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and a Rural Health Clinic (RHC) will be excluded from this requirement at this time. Information regarding the FQHC and RHC administered vaccination(s) will be forthcoming.

For immunizations covered under the VAFAC program, Medicaid will reimburse for the administration using the codes listed below:

- **90471** – Immunization administration for one vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid), (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous intramuscular and jet injections).
- **90472** – Each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid). (Use the 90472 in conjunction with code 90471)
- **90473** – Immunization administration by intranasal or oral, one vaccine.
- **90474** – Each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid). (Use 90474 in conjunction with code 90473)

The administration of VAFAC vaccines is limited to a maximum of three units per date of service regardless of the number of additional vaccines administered or of the administration CPT code combination utilized. CPT codes 90471 – 90474 are covered codes for recipients under 19 years old.

The following table is a list of CPT codes that correspond to the different vaccines that are available under the VAFAC program. The administration code and the vaccine code for the administered vaccine must be listed on the claim to receive reimbursement for the vaccine administration. For this code combination, only the administration code will be reimbursable, the vaccine code will display as an informational line item only on the Remittance Advice.

VAFAC vaccine CPT codes

90633	90655	90680	90713	90732
90364	90656	90681	90714	90733
90645	90657	90700	90715	90734
90647	90658	90702	90716	90744
90648	90660	90707	90718	90748
90649	90670	90710	09723	

*Please refer to CPT for the description of codes listed. The VAFAC vaccine code(s) are for information purposes only and are not reimbursable for SC Medicaid Recipients under the age of 19 years.

New Edit Codes associated with this change include:

Edit Code 356 - Immunization and administration codes must be included on claim. This edit will occur if the claim is missing the administration code, 90471-90474, or the VAFAC vaccine code(s). If billing for the VAFAC administration, verify that you have both the administration code and the administered VAFAC vaccine listed on the claim.

Edit Code 357 - Maximum of three (3) administration units can be billed per date of service. SCDHHS will only reimburse for a maximum of 3 units total for administration codes (90471 – 90474) on a single date of service. This edit will look at all claims history to determine how many administrations have been paid.

Edit Code 358 - Secondary administration CPT code not allowed prior to primary code. As part of the medical coding guidelines, a secondary administrative CPT code should not appear on a claim unless the primary administrative CPT code is also present for date of service.

This bulletin affects fee-for-service policy and applies only to those beneficiaries in this service option. For the managed care policy on billing for immunizations, please contact the appropriate managed care organization (MCO). Managed care organizations are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangement.

For additional information on this policy update, please refer to the Physicians, Laboratories, and Other Medical Professionals manual located on our website at www.scdhhs.gov. If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your Program Manager at (803) 898-2660. Thank you for your continued support and participation in the South Carolina Medicaid Program.

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